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(54) Title: NOVEL NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides novel nucleic acids, novel polypeptide sequences encoded by these nucleic acids and uses thereof.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
NONE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X, P ---	Database Genbank, Accession No. AL135937, 15 March 2001 (15.03.2001). particularly nucleotides 29925 through 30325.	1-8 -----
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-9 and 19 with respect to SEQ ID NO: 1

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-9 and 19, drawn to polynucleotides.

Group II, claim(s) 10-11, drawn to polypeptides.

Group III, claim(s) 12, drawn to antibodies.

Group IV, claim(s) 13-15, drawn to methods of detecting polynucleotides.

Group V, claim(s) 16, drawn to methods of detecting polypeptides.

Group VI, claim(s) 17, drawn to a first method of identifying compounds that bind.

Group VII, claim(s) 18, drawn to a second method of identifying compounds that bind.

Group VIII, claim(s) 20-21, drawn to polypeptide arrays.

Group IX, claim(s) 22-26, drawn to polynucleotide arrays.

Group X, claim(s) 27, drawn to a method of treatment using a polypeptide.

Group XI, claim(s) 28, drawn to a method of treatment using an antibody.

In addition, each of the SEQ ID NOS. named in the groups is considered to be a separate invention and applicant must elect a single SEQ ID NO. or for Groups VIII and IX a specific combination of SEQ ID NOS. for searching. Due to the burden of search for sequences, only a single SEQ ID NO. or specific combination of SEQ ID NOS. for Groups VIII and IX is considered to meet unity of invention.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Each of the products of Groups I-III, VIII, and IX differ structurally and functionally and thus lack the same or corresponding special technical feature. Each of the methods of Groups IV-VII, X and XI have different starting materials, method steps, and goals and thus lack the same or corresponding special technical feature.

As each SEQ ID NO. does not appear to share a common core structure, they are considered to be structurally and functionally distinct invention.

The number of inventions has been determined as follows: Each of groups I-XI is directed to 30368 SEQ ID NOS. As such, 30368 SEQ ID NOS. X 11 groups results in 334048 inventions.

If no additional fees are paid, Group I, claims 1-9 and 19, will be searched with respect to SEQ ID NO: 1. If Group VIII is elected, the default polypeptide array is considered to be an array comprising all of SEQ ID NOS: 30369-60736. If Group IX is elected, the default polynucleotide array is considered to be an array comprising all of SEQ ID NOS: 1-30368. Applicant is advised that they should specifically identify each additional group and each additional SEQ ID NO. being paid for. With respect to Groups VIII and IX, applicant should specifically identify each subset of SEQ ID NOS. present on the arrays if additional combinations are to be searched.